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FM AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA

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C O N F I D E N T I A L GUATEMALA 4042

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, OAS, CU, CS, GT

SUBJECT: CUBA

1. FOREIGN MINISTER MOLINA ORANTES TOLD AMBASSADOR JULY 27 HE FORESAW NO PROBLEM IN DEFERRING COSTA RICAN FOREIGN MINISTER FACIO'S PLANNED INITIATIVE ON CUBA UNTIL NOVEMBER OR DECEMBER PROVIDED FACIO AGREES. MOLINA EMPHASIZED THAT "WE HAVE NO INTEREST IN RESTORING RELATIONS WITH CUBA," BUT ADDED THAT GUATEMALA DOES NOT WANT TO BE THE LAST TO DO SO. IN HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH FACIO DURING LATTER'S EARLY JULY VISIT TO GUATEMALA, HOWEVER, BOTH HAD BEEN CONCERNED LEST UNILATERAL ACTION BY VENEZUELA AND COLOMBIA AND PARTICULARLY PANAMA DAMAGE OAS AND DESTROY RIO TREATY WHICH WAS OF SUCH IMPORTANCE TO SMALLER STATES. HENCE, GUATEMALA FULLY SUPPORTS FACIO'S PLAN TO CALL FOR A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE OAS PERMANENT COUNCIL TO APPOINT A STUDY COMMISSION TO EXAMINE THE CUBAN QUESTION AND RECOMMEND WHETHER OR NOT SANCTIONS SHOULD BE CONTINUED. THE OBJECTIVE WOULD BE TO MAKE THE POLICY OPTIONAL. MOLINA SAID THAT AS AMBASSADOR UNDOUBTEDLY KNEW, FACIO HAD ALREADY COMMUNICATED WITH U.S. SECSTATE ABOUT THE MATTER.

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2. REGARDING A POSSIBLE DEFERRAL OF THE COSTA RICAN INITIATIVE,

MOLINA SAID WHILE GUATEMALA WOULD HAVE NO DIFFICULTY WITH THIS, HE  
THOUGHT THE BALL SHOULD BE LEFT TO FACIO WHO MIGHT BE IN THE  
BEST POSITION TO PERSUADE VENEZUELA AND COLOMBIA TO DEFER  
UNILATERAL ACTION.

3. COMMENT: DESPITE MOLINA'S ASSERTION THAT GUATEMALA HAS NO  
INTEREST IN RESTORING RELATIONS WITH CUBA, WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE  
THAT THE GOG WOULD NOT BE WILLING TO AGAINST EITHER A CENTRAL  
AMERICAN OR HEMISPHER-WIDE CONSENSUS TO DO SO.  
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